



News from White Haven

Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site educates the American people regarding the lives and legacies of Civil War General and 18th President Ulysses S. Grant, his wife, Julia Dent Grant, the enslaved African Americans and other residents of White Haven.

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NPS 100th Birthday Special Events



Lift Every Voice

Over the past year the park has expanded its special event programming to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service and bring new audiences to the site. Visitor attendance has been strong so far. 2016 is on pace to see more than 40,000 people visit the site for only the fifth time in its history.

In July the park hosted its annual U.S. Grant Death Day commemoration, which included short speeches, a military march, and a 21-gun salute to General Grant overseen by Ranger Shawn Williams. This event marked the first time that historic weapons were fired on the park grounds.

On August 1 the park hosted the American Solar Car Challenge in conjunction with Grant's Farm. Solar cars designed by engineering students at universities across the country traveled from Ohio to South Dakota, stopping at nine different National Park Service units throughout the Midwest.

On the evening of August 25 the NPS Centennial Band came from New Orleans Jazz National Historical



American Solar Car Challenge

Park to perform a jazz concert at White Haven. The band played numerous hits and several original compositions about the NPS. Rangers David Newmann and Nick Sacco sat in with the band on one song, playing drums and electric bass respectively. On the following night the park hosted "Lift Every Voice: The Black Experience in the Heartland" in the visitor center theater.

Finally, on September 9, 10, 11 the park presented "Grant or Greeley – Which?" The Election of 1872 Living History Weekend. The program featured actors in period dress portraying historical figures, live music from the Independent Silver Band of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, nineteenth century games, historic photography demonstrations, and a voting booth for visitors to cast ballots for their preferred candidate (U.S. Grant was the winner!).

All of these programs were well attended, and we look forward to continuing this Centennial year with more excellent programming. See the back page of this newsletter for a full listing of upcoming events.

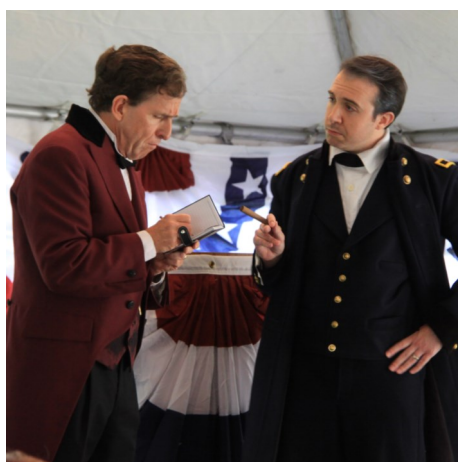
Visitors Choose U. S. Grant For A Second Term



Senator John A. Logan of Illinois (Nick Sacco) advocating voting for U.S. Grant.



Julia Moeller and Lois Herries assist a young lady making a campaign button.



New York reporter (Tom Day) interviewing Grant's brother-in-law, General Frederick T. Dent (Mark Neels).

As part of the "Grant or Greeley – Which?" Election of 1872 Living History Weekend in September, park visitors were given the opportunity to cast a party ballot for the Republican Party nominee, Ulysses S. Grant, or the Liberal Republican/Democrat nominee, Horace Greeley. In addition, visitors could choose to cast a ballot for the Equal Rights Party candidate, Victoria C. Woodhull (the first woman to run for President). After two days of voting, Grant was declared the winner with 87 votes. Mrs. Woodhull received 45 votes, and Mr. Greeley trailed with 19.

In reality, in 1872 Grant lost Missouri, and there is no indication that Woodhull received any votes in the state. Unfortunately for Greeley, Missouri was one of only six states which he won.

Nationally, Grant won an easy re-election to the White House, garnering 286 electoral votes to what would have been 66 electoral votes for Greeley. However, Greeley died on November 29, 1872, just 24 days after the election and before any of the electors from the states Greeley won (Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas) could cast their votes. Most of Greeley's electors cast their votes for other Democrats.

The Liberal Republican Party ceased to exist; many of its members returning to the regular Republican fold. Their ideas took root however, culminating in the end of Reconstruction in 1877. Other women would follow in Woodhull's footsteps as women continued the fight for equal rights, but women would not be guaranteed the right to vote until the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified in 1920.

To see more photos of this event and others go to the park website at: <https://www.nps.gov/ulsg/learn/photosmultimedia/index.htm>



Election judge (Shawn Williams) qualifying visitors before accepting their ballots.



St. Louis suffragist Virginia Minor (Anne Williams) arguing for women's right to vote.



Presidential candidate Horace Greeley (Sam Goodyear) with a future voter.

Spotlight on the Park: New Rain Garden

The White Haven property has traditionally had rainwater drainage problems. This year the park contracted with Native Landscape Solutions to create a “rain garden” to help address the challenge. What is a rain garden? The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District describes it this way:



“Every time it rains, stormwater flows down roofs, driveways and other impervious surfaces, sometimes flooding basements or collecting in low spots. Other runoff continues on toward the street, picking up soil, pesticides and other contaminants before it enters storm drains that transport it to streams and lakes, often without treatment. A rain garden is a planted area where rainwater collects. Think of a rain garden as a sponge -- an environmentally friendly sponge -- that is designed to soak up much of this runoff before it can do damage. A rain garden starts with a bowl-shaped bed of loose soil. The garden is planted with deep-rooted trees, bushes, flowers and other plants that help absorb the rainwater, which filters through layers of soil before entering the groundwater system or to the stormwater system through the underdrain.”

For more on rain gardens see:
http://www.projectclearstl.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/rain_garden_maintenance_brochure_081414.pdf

Missouri National Parks Passport Challenge



In addition to Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, the State of Missouri is home to five other units of the National Park Service; Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (Gateway Arch), Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield, George Washington Carver National Monument, and Harry S. Truman National Historic Site.

To help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the NPS, you are invited to take part in a new Passport Challenge. You can win prizes! Special passport booklets can be obtained at any of the six Missouri National Park sites. Each site currently has a special site stamp.

After collecting stamps from your first three parks, have your Passport verified and signed by a park ranger to receive your first prize. After visiting and collecting stamps at all six parks, have a ranger at any of the parks review your additional three stamps and sign your passport to receive your second prize. Prizes can be claimed in the Visitor Centers at any of the six Missouri national parks through December 31, 2017. Register your Passport at any time to enter to win the Grand Prize Drawing for four tickets to a 2018 season St. Louis or Kansas City home baseball game with a one-night stay at a Hotel.

For more information please visit:
www.MONationalParks.com

Kids' Corner: Presidential Mix-n-Match

Can you match the Vice-President on the left to the President under which he served on the right?

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| 1. Hannibal Hamlin | A. George Washington |
| 2. Theodore Roosevelt | B. Ulysses S. Grant |
| 3. John Nance Garner | C. Thomas Jefferson |
| 4. Henry Wilson | D. George H. W. Bush |
| 5. Aaron Burr | E. Andrew Jackson |
| 6. Richard Nixon | F. Abraham Lincoln |
| 7. Joe Biden | G. Franklin D. Roosevelt |
| 8. Martin Van Buren | H. Dwight D. Eisenhower |
| 9. Dan Quayle | I. Barack Obama |
| 10. John Adams | J. William McKinley |

Key: 1-F, 2-J, 3-G, 4-B, 5-C, 6-H, 7-I, 8-E, 9-D, 10-A



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Upcoming Events

- October 22, 10am—The Life of Robert Smalls: Bob Sutton Lecture
- November 4, 7pm, November 5, 10am & 1pm —Mr. U. S. Grant: A One Person Show
- December 10, 11am & 3:00 pm—Holidays at White Haven Open House
- December 10, 1pm & 4:30pm—Grant and Twain: A One Act Play
- December 17, 10am & 1pm—A Message at Midnight: A One-Act Play

Reservations are required for these events. Please call the park at (314) 842-1867 or speak to Park Staff at the visitor center welcome desk.

Did you know?

In the 1830s, Julia's father, Frederick F. Dent, contracted with the federal government to provide hay to the U. S. Army at nearby Jefferson Barracks. Copies of contracts signed by Dent are on file at the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library at Mississippi State University. The contract for 1834 stipulated that Dent "agrees by the presents to deliver on or before the 31st December 1834 – thirty five tons of good sound

and well cured timothy or herdsgrass hay each ton to consist of twenty two hundred and forty pounds, in the public stables at Jefferson Barracks (Mo) at such times and in such quantities between the present date [contract dated 25 August 1834] and the above specified 31st of December 1834 – as the wants of the Service may require...the United States promises to pay...for every ton...delivered...Eleven dollars, ninety-three & three fourth cents."

